

# NEWS MEDCO VIEWS

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## Logging on Salt Creek

The ground is rocky, in fact in spots it is almost solid rock, the hillsides are steep and the timber is hard to get out but Orb Abbott's crew is doing the job.

When the Editor visited there, the landing was at the junction of the existing road and the trail over the hill from Butte Falls. The skid cats were working on the hillside across from the landing and almost directly under the road construction mentioned in another part of this paper.

Cat No. 43 is operated by Chester Ellis with Burke Nelson and Don Court-right setting the chokers. The other Cat, No. 45, is operated by LeRoy Thompson and his chokersetters are Ed Burg and Don Harshbarger.

On the landing operating the Manitowoc loader is Les Casey who sorts, loads and keeps the trucks moving. Unhooking chokers and handling the multitude of other jobs on the landing is Lou Geppert.

## SAFETY CLEARED

State Safety Engineer Crawford Peek visited the plants recently and gave us a clean bill on the safety score card. But lets not be lulled by this action . . . KEEP ALERT !

Both the Cat and the chokersetter are both partly hidden as Ed Burg moves in to Cat No. 45 driven by LeRoy Thompson.



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## MEDCO PICNIC

Everything is Furnished

10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
EAT at 2 P.M.

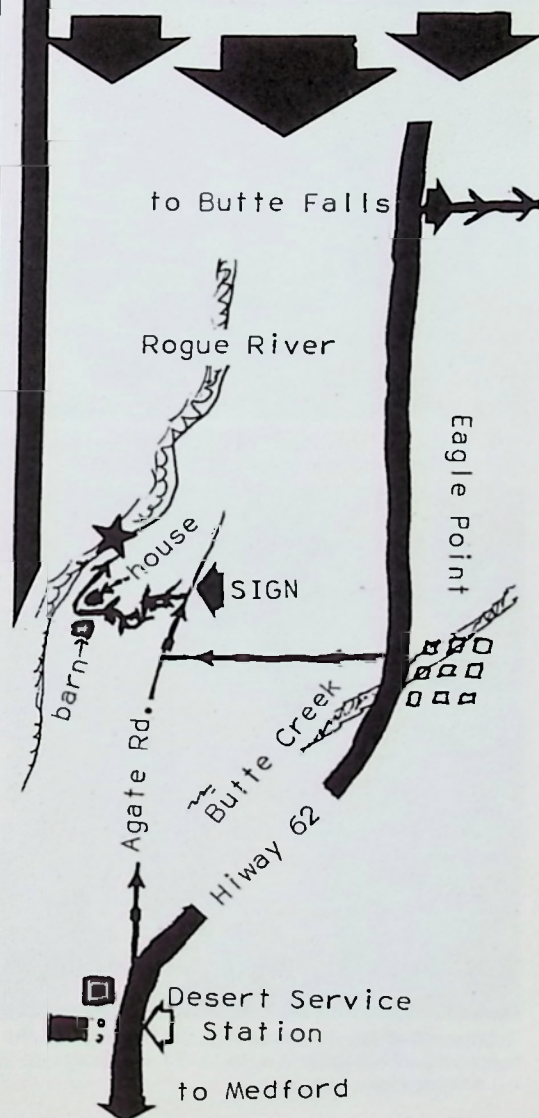
**AUGUST 24**

**Food - Games - Refreshments  
Gate Prizes - Game Prizes  
Kids Games and Prizes**

It is our responsibility to keep the grounds in good condition and not abuse the facilities . . . we may want to return at a later date.

**Nothing to bring or nothing to furnish  
—Just bring yourself, your family  
and your appetite.**

## Elks Picnic Grounds





## SHOP NEWS

The boys in the Butte Falls shop are doing a step-and-a-half during this season as all machines must be kept going full out. This requires fast repairs and in some cases make-do patches until parts are available to complete the job.

Heading this show is Bill Earls with Ed Erwin, Leonard C. Biles, W. A. Hartlerode and Les Meadows completing the staff.

Les Meadows works in the field making repairs while the other men do the major overhauls and heavy repairs in the shop. The shop is fully equipped to do all types of repairs and overhauling of the woods equipment. The men are all experienced with several years in the business.



Ed Erwin, first mechanic shown by the D4 Cat in the shop for repairs.



Leonard Biles is repairing the pump on the fire truck. This unit has to be in readiness during this hot dry season.

## Visitors From Japan

We were visited recently by several men from the plywood and hardboard business in Japan. Mr. K. Nakamura, President; Mr. T. Takahashi, Manager; Mr. Chikayuki Ito, Production Dept; all of the Nagoya Plywood Company of Nagoya, Japan were in the party and they were accompanied by Mr. Tom M. Iwata, manager of the machinery department of the C. T. Takahashi Co. Ltd. in Seattle.

Although these men could possibly be considered competitors in the plywood business we were interested in having them visit the plant and tell us of their operation.

The color brochure they left described their plant and listed 9 rotary lathes, 2 slicers, 9 dryers, 12 glue spreaders, 4 hot presses, 4 drum sanders and 5 belt sanders in their plywood plants. They employ over 1200 men & women who work six seven-hour days per week for \$2.92 per day.

They produce mostly hardwood plywood in mahogany, birch and others common to the Far East.

Another group of visitors were noted by the editor and we find Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Ingham from Los Angeles being escorted through the plants by Mr. L. E. Wells of Ashland.

Mr. & Mrs. Ingham have been touring Europe for the past six months and have visited every country except Russia and the satellite nations. They said the plant tour was equally as interesting as any sights they had seen in Europe.



Working on the D4 winch is mechanic W. A. Hartlerode.

## HERE and THERE

Carl Anderson who recently underwent surgery for a spinal fusion is reported recovering exceptionally well and plans to return to the job in the near future, that is as soon as his doctor will permit.

Lloyd and Marie Haugen took a few days vacation and included some fishing at Toketee Falls . . . reports good luck with the only trouble being the short time before returning to work.

Wayne Carter had a vacation and we understand he had planned a fishing expedition to Howard Prairie among other things. Russell Zundel, night shift electrician was filling the day shift during Wayne's absence.

Larry Ryerson took a vacation and included a fishing trip to Detroit Dam Reservoir . . . says the fishing was fair but no further report.

"I have two down in front," said the usherette as her strap broke.

## NEW YORK TRIP

Mrs. Homer Lamb spent a month in the big city of New York recently and then after her return, both Homer and Mrs. Lamb went to Reno for a weekend. Then to add the finishing touch . . . they went to Brookings, Oregon for a weekend and Homer hooked FOUR big salmon.



Find the chokersetter in this picture?





Cat No. 45 with LeRoy Thompson operating, Ed Burg and Doug Harshbarger as the choker-setters bringing in a "turn" of logs for the Manitowoc to load.

## NEW BABIES

We had two big boys and a petite little girl join the MEDCO family this month with Sharon and Joe Turley taking delivery of a new model named Kevin LeRoy on June 25th. The new-comer weighed in at 8 lbs. 9 oz. and Joe says he is keeping his Dad plenty busy.

Alfred and Sherry Hines became parents for the first time on July 26th when little Tamra Rre arrived at their home. The little miss weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and according to Mrs. Hines she casional feeding during the night. is sleeping real well with only an oc-

The last to arrive and the winner of the weighing in honors was Gregory Ray Cart born on August 2nd. to Gary and Claudia Cart. The new arrival came in at a husky 8 lbs. 12 oz.

## Road Construction

Keeping the roads passable and building new ones is a big job on the MEDCO timberlands. We are proud that we have some of the best roads found on any private timberlands. The road crew headed by Hank Wright keeps going all the time; building, maintaining and repairing the many miles of roads.

Ray Finchum and Alva Webster operate Cat D8 tractors used mostly in punching out new roads or making major repairs to washed out sections etc. When the Editor visited the job, Ray was in the shop with his machine for repairs to the track roller frame and other items. Alva was visited on the Salt Creek site where he was working with some very tough rock formations. Also on the Salt Creek road job was Emmett Foran, using rack drill and blasting the rock for removal by the Cat.

Buck Sutton and Everett Sizemore drive the dump trucks which were currently hauling crushed rock for surfacing a roadway.

The water truck is driven by Dean Hunsaker and he is really kept humping to get as much road wet down as possible to keep dust at a minimum.

On the grader, moving over the road system and knocking down the rough spots is Gene Rambo. Although we didn't get to see it working we know that somewhere out there in the brush Dan McKeen is operating the Traxcavator 944 rubber tired loader.

Vern Stevenson drives the new Peterbilt truck pulling the lowboy trailer moving equipment from one job to another.



The low-boy trailer unit brings in the air compressor to be used for drilling rock in preparation for blasting. The unit is driven by Vern Stevenson.



Dean Hunsaker's job is putting as much water as possible on the dusty roads with the sprinkler truck as shown.



Hank Wright, road construction foreman discusses the construction site and terrain with Cat operator Alva Webster.



Gene Rambo manicures the road with a Cat motor grader. In this case he was doing an excellent job and the road was very smooth.





## Ed Albern Retires

On April 23, 1918 the old California-Oregon Lumber Company hired a new man named Ed Albern. The company was owned by John S. and J. H. Owens and the operation was located at Brookings, Oregon but moved to Medford when the Brownlee-Olds Company was purchased and it became the Owens Oregon Co.

Ed moved to Medford in October of 1925 and his first job was building bridge No. 15 on the old railroad. He then went on as operator of the McGiffert log loader where he worked until the machine was retired as the railroad was no longer used.

Ed said that when he first came to Butte Falls, there were two logging camps, one was for the fir loggers and the other was for pine loggers. At that time the cut was 70% pine and 30% fir.

Ed is really living now he says, raising his own beef, chickens, garden vegetables and fruit, and not worrying one bit about board footage.

## IN APPRECIATION

Little Roger Hein is a much happier and healthier lad thanks to the crew in the plywood plant who presented Roger with a new cowboy suit to help him recover from a very serious accident.

Donald Hein, Roger's father, asked that the appreciation of the entire family be expressed to those men who were responsible for the gift.

Roger was hit by a car some time ago and seriously injured. Although he is still wearing a cast, his recovery is assured.

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Stan Delgado has been barber on the lawn and hedge for 11 years and is the man called when a job has to be done around the office. As the janitor his jobs are many and varied.



Buck Sutton and Everett Sizemore are driving the dump trucks. One is shown here dumping a load of rock on the road.

## AUTO ACCIDENT

Les Meadows, shop mechanic in Butte Falls, was involved in an auto accident on August 6th on Highway 62. Mrs. Meadows suffered a severely sprained ankle which was feared broken until x-rays disproved this.

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## Wedding Bells Ring



Miss Diane McDonald and Bruce Pringle, Jr. were married June 30 and then took a honeymoon trip to Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria.

The bride formerly lived in Beaverton and it was during a visit with friends in Butte Falls she met Bruce. She is a graduate of Beaverton High School. Bruce is a graduate of Butte Falls High and is driving Cat for Medco as you may remember from the April issue of Medco News & Views.

The newlyweds are making their home in Butte Falls where Bruce Pringle, Sr., father of the groom operates the general store.

## Man Lost in Woods

You could expect this sort of thing from the Editor, you expect it from tourists and women, even children, woodsmen in strange territory or people who suffer amnesia . . . but what is your excuse Bill Earls?

We have it on good authority that Bill got lost while trying to locate a piece of equipment on one of the Medco jobs. Now there is a drive afoot to secure funds to buy Bill a compass and a map of the Medco road system . . . anyone care to contribute? Someone suggested that we should supply Bill with a survival kit and still another suggested that he be required to file flight plans so we will know where to look for him.